

Amendments to the Abstract

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Abstract

A laundry appliance includes a housing having a stamped section recessed relative to a front of the housing and circumferentially surrounding a loading opening to a rotatably mounted drum of the appliance. A door is disposed on the front of the housing for closing the loading opening. An edge of the door and a surrounding edge of the stamped section form a gap area between them when the door is in a closed position. An illumination device is disposed in the stamped section so as to be concealed behind the door when the door is in the closed position. Light of the illumination device is reflected at an edge surface of the stamped section and a surface of the door edge so as to provide an illuminating ring visible at the front of the housing in the gap area.